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Homeless count gets underway

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the social and housing services provider for both the City and the County of Haliburton, is joining the 20,000 Homes Campaign, a program that aims to house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2018.

That process will involve undertaking a homelessness count in both municipalities, beginning this year.

There are various categories of homelessness, from the unsheltered – people living out on the street, or in places not designed for human habitation – to the emergency sheltered to the provisionally accommodated – those who have found temporary lodging with others.

"If you asked me today to tell you how many are in each of the homelessness categories, I couldn't," Hope Lee, manager of housing for the City of Kawartha Lakes, told county councillors during a March 23 meeting. "That's why it's important to do the count."

The goal locally is to house 24 vulnerable people through a Housing First program by July 1, 2018.

Housing First advocates a recovery-oriented approach to homelessness that places people in independent and permanent housing as soon as possible, which differs from other models where homeless people with mental health or addiction issues may have to successfully complete treatment for those issues before being admitted into housing.

It has its roots in 1970s Toronto.

see LOCAL page 3



Blossoming retirement

Local Ministry of Natural Resources biologist David Flowers retired March 25 after close to four decades of service, including 19 in the Highlands and Bancroft. See story on page 10. DARREN LUM Staff

MNRF base ready for April move-in

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's emergency response base at the Stanhope Airport is on schedule for staff to move in by early April.

Control of the facility will be turned over to the ministry's Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services division April 1 and a

tentative move-in date for staff has been set for April 6.

Ministry staff will be relocating from the longtime ministry response headquarters in Haliburton Village.

"Construction of the new facility makes for more efficient services since firefighters will no longer have to travel between two locations to respond to wildfires," senior media relations officer Jolanta Kowalski told the

paper.

Construction on the \$12-million, 17,000-square-foot facility began in the summer of 2014. Nearly 60 ministry staff will work out of the building.

Algonquin Highlands township performed preparatory work at the site as part of an agreement with the province, including the clearing of six hectares of trees and construction of new taxiways.

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Budget blows away election promises, Schmale says

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

"Basically, I was shocked at the amount of deficit spending the Liberals are doing," says Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale of the federal budget.

Unveiled March 22, the budget includes a deficit of \$29.4 billion for the 2016-17 fiscal year. As part of their election campaign last year, the Liberals promised deficits not to exceed \$10 billion a year for three consecutive years, in order to stimulate the economy.

"They've destroyed that in one year," Schmale says. "That's a major promise broken."

During the campaign, the Liberal party also promised to get back on budget by the fourth year of the term.

"Right now, that's blown out of the water, too," Schmale says.

The budget includes not just a nearly \$30 billion deficit for the upcoming year, but projected deficits of \$29 billion for 2017-18, \$22.8 billion for 2018-19 and \$17.7 billion for 2019-20.

By way of comparison, the Conservative government ran deficits of about \$25 billion in 2011-12, \$17 billion in 2012-13 and five billion in 2013-14.

Another broken campaign promise was to lower the tax rate for small and medium-sized businesses from 10.5 to nine per cent. That didn't happen with Tuesday's budget.

"I was very disappointed to see that," Schmale says. "It's all on big government, big-bureaucracy spending. Whereas in small towns, we rely on small business to create jobs, to create wealth."

While the deficits the Liberals had talked about during the election campaign were to be focused on infrastructure, on stimulus funding, "that's not true with this budget," Schmale says, pointing out that much of the spending is wrapped up in programming. "It's locked in, it's permanent."

The MP says this means at some point, taxes must be raised to pay for it, or services cut elsewhere.

Some of that spending will be done in First Nations communities throughout Canada, with \$8.4 billion allocated to First Nations over five years, including \$2.6 billion for primary and secondary education.

"There are parts of the budget we support," Schmale says,

explaining that investments in First Nations communities and their education systems are needed. "It's a file that's never had the perfect solution."

However, the Conservatives have criticized the government for altering the tracking mechanism of First Nations spending.

"It's unfortunate the Liberals got rid of transparency surrounding First Nations accounting," Schmale says.

There is still funding for infrastructure, although it is not exactly clear what kind of projects that money will be used for.

"We're still waiting for the details," says Schmale, adding he understands there may be some focus on transit and water and waste water systems, none of which are found in Haliburton County in any great measure. "I'd like to see the details."

On a positive note for the county, Schmale says the budget increases the guaranteed income supplement for eligible single seniors up to \$947 annually. The previous maximum was \$747.

There's also funding for Internet expansion.

"They did commit to expanding access to high-speed Internet," Schmale says. "That will help people right across the county and throughout rural Canada."

The budget included welcome news for Fleming College, the school, which has a campus in Haliburton County, issuing a press release.

"Fleming is especially pleased to see the government respond to the call for additional infrastructure funding with the new Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund, which commits \$2 billion over the next three years," the release reads. "Coupled with the \$9 billion Building Canada Fund, this will help drive a much needed renewal in college infrastructure, 60 per cent of which currently exceeds its 40-year life cycle. The substantial increase in Canada Student Grants, along with additional support for youth employment measures and co-op work placements, will contribute to greater access and higher quality educational opportunities for students."

Beginning in the next academic year, post-secondary students from low-income families will be eligible for up to \$3,000 in grants per year – up from \$2,000 – and those from middle-income families will be eligible for up to \$1,200 a year, up from \$800.



Freeze and thaw

Minden, like much of southern Ontario, has experienced a variety of weather conditions the past week with snow, rain and sleet, including a freezing effect, which left trees, like these ones along the Scotch Line, covered in ice early last week. **DARREN LUM** Staff

Quarter of local kids from low-income households

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Twenty-three per cent of children in Haliburton County come from low-income households.

That sobering stat was thrown at county councillors during a report on the poverty reduction strategy for the county and City of Kawartha Lakes at a March 23 county council meeting.

The report on children and youth was the fifth and final report in the strategy, which has been ongoing since 2012. Other reports dealt with housing, transportation, food security and employment and education.

While 18 per cent of children in the City of Kawartha Lakes come from low-income households, that figure for Haliburton County is 23 per cent.

Low-income is defined as having an after-tax household income that is less than 50 per cent of the median family income.

According to Statistics Canada, the median Canadian household income for 2013 was \$76,000.

In 2015, 170,000 meals were served by Food for Kids at county schools. Those meals are universal – available to all students – to reduce stigma.

For the City of Kawartha Lakes, that figure was 585,000.

“But what happens during March Break, or during the summer months?” asked Aaron Mulcaster, data analysis co-ordinator for the Ontario Early Years Centre, who presented the report to councillors.

The report suggests the expansion of nutrition programming in the community.

Another finding was no licensed child care spaces for children under the age of 18 months in the county.

“There are 42 in the City of Kawartha Lakes and there are zero in Haliburton County,” Mulcaster said. “There are no licensed day care spaces for them and their families.” Since many new mothers take a year of maternity leave, Mulcaster said the lack of licensed spaces for children under 18 months is particularly problematic for those just off maternity leave.

The poverty reduction strategy report recommends an increase in the number of licensed day care spaces and also recommends council advocate for universal day care.

“It would allow, mostly mothers, to re-enter the workforce after having a child,” Mulcaster said.

The report also emphasizes investment in early childhood education, with Mulcaster pointing out that the first six years of life are crucial to brain development and function and future academic performance.

Early development instruments (EDIs) used to measure development in kindergarten students look at five domains, including physical health and well-being, emotional maturity, social competence, language and cognitive development and communication and general knowledge.

For the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, 28 per cent of students were considered “vulnerable” according to the EDIs, meaning they scored in the lowest 10th percentile in at least one of the domains.

That “vulnerable” figure jumps to 50 per cent for children from households with a family income of \$30,000 or less.

The report showed a direct correlation between those EDI results and results for standardized math tests taken at the Grade 3 level.

The high school graduation rate for City of Kawartha Lakes

and Haliburton County is 83 per cent.

Other recommendations in the report include funding and expansion of dental services, supporting no-cost and low-cost recreational, library and community events for children and families

and supporting and promoting mentorship programs for children and youth.

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Local program to house 24 people

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A Housing First working group began meeting earlier this year and is working on a local definition of homelessness, is planning and will implement the local homelessness count and will research, plan and implement a local Housing First program.

The working group includes representatives from local women's shelters, Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Ross Memorial Hospital, the health unit, the United Way and the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation, among other groups.

There is financial support through the Central East Local Health Integration Network and Lee told councillors there is funding available through various provincial programs, including rent supplements for landlords.

The program does not require additional financial support from the municipalities.

“Certainly, with the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough, our local neighbours supporting this, supporting this puts us in line with them,” said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin. “I think this is the logical progression.”



Gord Kidd with the Sap Suckers performs at the Country Barn Dance on Saturday night, March 26 at the Dominion Hotel & Pub in Minden. This evening event was part of two weeks of maple-inspired fun in the downtown, as part of the Maple Magic effort led by the Minden Hills Business Association.



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Getting sappy in downtown Minden

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Molly McInerney of Molly's Bistro Bakery and co-chairperson of the Minden Hills Business Association shows off her maple butter tarts and maple brown sugar fudge on Saturday, March 26 at her restaurant in Minden.

Sinclair Russell, who was the creative guru responsible for decorating the Minden downtown for Maple Magic, wears his syrup bucket hat to the bash at the Dominion Hotel.



Couples dance to the musical stylings of Gord Kidd and the Sap Suckers at the Dominion Hotel during Maple Magic March 26.

Controversial animal protection bill unlikely to become law

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

A private member's bill from a Toronto MP ruffling the feathers of some hunters and fishermen is unlikely to ever become law.

Bill C-246, tabled by Beaches-East York MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, is an animal protection bill that would amend various pieces of legislation, as well as the criminal code.

The bill received second reading in the House of Commons March 3. Some of its main goals include banning the importation of shark fins, as well as the sale of cat and dog fur in

Canada, requiring source fur labelling.

Some vague language in the bill has caused concern among some hunters and fisherman, particularly the following clause: "Everyone commits an offence who, willfully and recklessly, kills an animal or being the owner permits and an animal to be killed, brutally or viciously, regardless of whether the animal dies immediately."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale told the paper he'd heard from constituents who are rightfully concerned about language in the bill.

"As that stands, that can include fishing, hunting, and even farming," Schmale said.

However, in order to become law, following its second

reading, the bill would have to be called to committee, where it would be rigorously studied by MPs, who would make recommendations for changes to the bill. It would then return to the House of Commons for third reading and, if passed, would then receive Royal Assent and become law.

Very few private member's bills ever become law, most never making it past second reading.

Only about 1.5 per cent of private member's bills tabled in the House of Commons ever become law.

"Similar bills have been introduced and never gone anywhere," Schmale said, adding that if the bill did proceed through the process, he would fight for changes.

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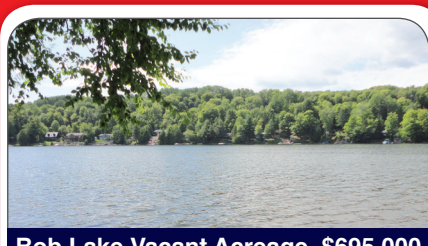
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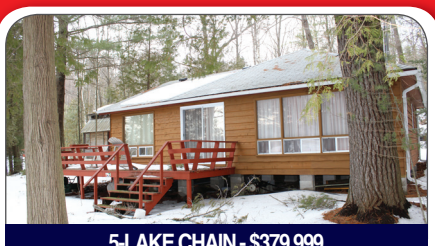
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WHEN ARE government officials acting in the public interest and when are they just trying to justify their own positions?

It's difficult to tell sometimes.

Case in point: a Minden Hills small business owner getting fined nearly \$1,000 over five salamis.

Yes, you read that correctly.

As reported in this publication last week, a local meat smoker was fined \$875 for, according to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, creating product that was not approved for inspection.

During July of last year, some salami was put "under detention" - gotta love the food detective lingo - and an OMAFRA inspector told the business owner the ministry would return at a certain date.

The salamis in question were half finished.

When the inspector did not return, the business owner smoked the salamis since he needed to finish the process in order for the product to not get ruined.

When the OMAFRA inspector - who was not able to recall for the newspaper whether a specific return date had been arranged - returned to find the detained

salamis had been smoked, a fine was issued.

On why the salami was detained in the first place, the business owner says he was told by ministry representatives that they had to check his recipes.

What are these people going to do next? Show up at a KFC and demand to know the Colonel's secret recipe of 11 herbs and spices?

Look, food safety is important, no one is questioning that, but it seems, in the case of the detained salamis and resulting fine, that perhaps the situation was seasoned with overzealousness.

In fact, since smoking, curing and dehydrating meat are ministry-regulated processes requiring adherence to rigorous legislation, inspections and mounds of paperwork, the business owner has decided to just give up his licence all together. He will continue to sell meat products, but will not produce any of them himself.

Again, when it comes to discerning whether officials are actually acting in the best interest of the public or just trying to justify their own paycheques, things get a little . . . well, smoky.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter**KWARKY**

"NOT RESPONDING TO A KNOCK-KNOCK JOKE
ISN'T PROOF HE'S UNCONSCIOUS."

Boobies, Sex Dungeons and fly fishing

I'VE ALWAYS been curious about boobies. That's why I was so happy last week when I finally created a pair of my own. They aren't perfect but, between you and me, they are pretty nice - and certainly functional.

Before you write a letter to the editor, let me just say I'm talking about the booby fly. This oddly-named pattern is one of the greatest fishing flies to ever to come out of the United Kingdom. It's such an effective fly pattern that it has been banned in many UK waters.

Talk to any British fly angler and they'll tell you the same thing: boobies are great. Heck, I've even met guys who don't fly fish at all who say the same thing.

Naturally, I had to tie a couple to see for myself. I hope to give them a try when ice out finally arrives around here. They appear to be just the ticket for trout in our lakes.

If there is one problem with this fly, however, it is in the name. That name is, by the way, a result of two round foam balls tied on the hook to provide floatation.

Clearly, the name is a major issue.

For instance, when you are in a coffee shop talking to a buddy who ties flies and excitedly say, "I tied a pair of boobies this week!" you get funny looks from people at neighbouring tables.

Similarly, if you announce, "I can hardly wait to give those boobies a try," or, if he gets excited and says, "I wouldn't mind swinging by your place so you can show me your boobies," things get incredibly awkward real quick - and sometimes you even get asked to leave.

When you think about it though, this is part of the genius of that fly's design.

I suspect that the inventor of the booby fly realized that if he bestowed upon it controversial name, people would talk about it. And if people talk about your fly, it will eventually gain a reputation. Again, this is pure genius.

This is becoming a tried and true strategy these for many fly designers these days. For instance, The Sex Dungeon is a really effective streamer fly pattern, whose name you only repeat when pressed.

You can't walk up to an angler who is having no luck and say, "You really ought to try The Sex Dungeon. It really works for me." No matter the answer, no good will come of it.

I suppose these awkward names for flies make a lot of sense since the average fly

angler basically has a warped sense of humour. I suspect the theory is, if you are going to tell anyone about my fly design, I'm at least going to make it uncomfortable for you.

This works if you'd want to get people talking about your latest fly pattern. I've been thinking about this a lot and how it applies to a gaudy, brash streamer pattern I'm developing. It features, among other things, a large, unruly mass of artificial orange fur up top.

This fly has already caught an alarming number of fish - albeit mostly suckers. All it needs is a truly embarrassing name that aptly describes what it does.

I am thinking "the Trump fly" might work.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35Send letters to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

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The wearing down of America

PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SHAKE THEIR HEADS and ask how Donald Trump, the vulgarian who inherited all his money, got to be a U.S. presidential contender. The answer will not be found by studying the man. The answer lies within the millions of Americans who support him.

His supporters are citizens most hurt by America's decline. They lack the education or skills needed to stay afloat in these changing times. They feel voiceless with little understanding of, and no say in what their government does.

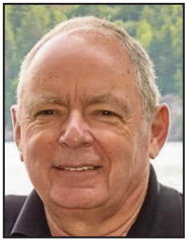
These are people who believe America is losing, and they are correct. America is a decaying empire that is losing on many fronts.

Consider these findings from a study published last year by Dr. Hershey Friedman of Brooklyn College:

China at the end of 2014 overtook the U.S. as the world's largest economy. China accounted for 16.48 per cent of the world's purchasing power-adjusted Gross Domestic Product. The U.S. figure was 16.28 per cent.

The U.S. ranks 35th best of 157 countries with people living below the poverty line. And, 25 per cent of U.S. children under age five live in poverty.

The U.S. also has one of the world's highest levels of income inequality. The Chief Executive Officer-to-minimum wage worker pay ratio in the U.S. is a shocking 774:1.



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The U.S. is 17th among 36 countries ranked for overall happiness about life.

Professor Hershey's report appears to lean toward socialist political movements but his sources for data cited appear legitimate.

At any rate, it is a fact that millions of Americans are angry about poverty levels, income inequality, lost economic opportunities and a decline in world stature and power. They just don't feel good about themselves anymore. Thus the clamour to join Trump's Make America Great Again campaign.

America has been in decline for several decades now.

I follow it back to Viet Nam, the lost war that followed the lost war in Korea. It seemed like a good idea at the time. Stop the Commies from overrunning Asia. Stop the dominoes from falling before the last one lands on the U.S. doorstep.

It didn't seem like such a good idea after 60,000 young Americans and tens of thousands of Vietnamese died in the steamy Southeast Asian jungles and the U.S. had to admit defeat. More U.S. war losses followed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia (remember Blackhawk Down?).

Then there has been the War on Poverty declared by Lyndon Johnson in 1964 when the U.S. poverty rate was 19 per cent. Forty-nine years later in 2013 the poverty rate was down to 14.5 per cent but poor Americans still numbered 45.3 million, the same as 1964. Another failed war.

In 1971 President Richard Nixon declared the War on Drugs. The U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that in 2013 an estimated 24.6 million Americans had used an illicit drug in the previous month. Yet another failed war.

Americans now are fighting and losing a war against Islamic extremism abroad, and at home. So far at home they've seen 9-11, the Boston Marathon and San Bernardino.

With all that weighing them down, who can blame Americans for not feeling good about themselves and their future. Germans felt much the same way following the First World War, so they elected a Fascist to make them great again.

Donald Trump seems like a good idea to a lot of Americans. He won't get to lead them, however. He likely won't win the Republican nomination and if he does, he won't win the presidency. Americans elect their presidents from the centre, not from the extreme left or right wings.

Whoever does win will try to better American life, and likely will achieve some small successes. He or she will not be able to stop the empire from crumbling.

Empires come and empires go. There were the Greeks, then the Romans, and the individual European individual state empires. In the Americas, the Aztecs and the Incas.

Empires are like mountains that break through the earth's crust and rise to majestic heights over time. Eventually wind, water and other elements grind them down to foothills.

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Time to buy your butterflies

Bereavement fundraiser includes early bird prizes this year

On one special day in June, painted lady butterflies will fill the air by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at the second Release of the Butterflies event.

Participants "buy" the orange butterflies for \$30 apiece and set them free into the marshland as a fundraiser for the county's bereavement program, run by SIRCH Community Services.

"The bereavement program at SIRCH has no base funding," says Marilyn Rydberg, chairwoman of the butterfly release committee. "This is the fundraiser to keep this program going."

Last year's event raised about \$15,000 for the program, which needs about \$20,000 a year to provide bereavement groups to those in the county who are coping with the loss of a loved one.

In addition to donating to release a butterfly, this year the committee will be awarding three early bird prizes.

Bank of Montreal is giving a trip for four

to the butterfly conservatory in Sudbury including a hotel stay in that city. Lynn Roberge at Mixed Media Arts has donated a concrete garden butterfly and Canadian Tire has donated a gift from its garden centre.

For each butterfly purchased, a ticket goes in the draw for the prizes.

Butterflies must be purchased by May 15. The early bird draw is May 18.

The painted lady butterflies are farmed at Butterflies and Roses in Lakefield and are a native species to our region. In fact, Rydberg says, it's common to see painted ladies in June in the Highlands.

Last year, more than 200 people attended the event.

"We were kind of overwhelmed at how successful it was," Rydberg says. There will also be activities for children, butterfly crafts and face painting.

The Release of the Butterflies takes place June 12 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Butterflies are released at 1:30 p.m. It is \$30 to buy one butterfly, \$100 for four. Lunch is available at the event for purchase.

To order a butterfly, call SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or donate online at www.sirch.on.ca. You can also drop in at the office at 4663 County Road 21 near Haliburton.

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Food hub teaches cooking for kids

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

"I want you to learn different ways of cooking eggs," says Marilynne Lesperance, as she flips her toad in the hole – a fried egg in toast.

Lesperance, chairwoman of the Minden Food Bank and volunteer at the Minden Community Food Centre, is giving a culinary lesson at Towards a Healthy Future, an after-school program that teaches nutritional information and cooking skills to children, while providing a delicious snack.

Today eggs are on the menu and after toad in the hole, a small group of local kids will learn how to boil an egg.

After that, they'll learn how to set the table.

In partnership with the John Howard Society, the six-week program includes a one-hour class each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

As Lesperance explains, each week offers a different sort of theme. One week it was fruits and vegetables.

"We made smoothies," she says, explaining the course follows the Canada Health Guide.

Another week it was pizza on naan bread.

"To show you can make pizza on pretty much anything,"



Lesperance says.

A number of practical skills are also taught; safe knife skills, for example.

Bailey Manser learns how to make toad in the hole - a fried egg in toast - at Towards a Healthy Future, a cooking and nutrition program for children at the Minden Community Food Hub. The six-week program involves one-hour classes once a week and will begin again in April. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

The current round of the program will wrap up April 6, when participants will prepare dinner for their parents.

Another round of the course will begin a couple of weeks later.

Anyone interested in the program can contact Lesperance at 705-286-2990.



Tristan Humphries looks on as Marilynne Lesperance demonstrates how to flip a fried egg in toast during Towards a Healthy Future, a cooking and nutrition program for children at the Minden Community Food Centre.



Local kids enjoy the fruits of their labour at Towards a Healthy Future, an after-school cooking and nutrition course for children offered at the Minden Community Food Hub.

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Reid clinches national CSRA title

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A perfect final weekend sealed the deal. Local snowcross racer Izac Reid of Reid Racing Team dominated every final at Horseshoe Valley Resort this past weekend to clinch his first overall national series championship in the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association's sport 600 class.

It was a goal five years in the making for his amazing season, as he has steadily improved and moved up in classes during his CSRA career. He was shocked when he saw his name on top of the leader board after competing in the Conx2share National Snowcross Championships, the Rockstar Energy National Snowcross and the Dayco National Snowcross Championships from March 25 to March 27.

"It's just unbelievable. I've never won a championship before or even placed top three in a championship," he said.

Coming into the weekend, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student had a narrow eight point lead over second place competitors Spencer Carlson and Cale Callan, who were tied with 245 points.

There wasn't any shortage of drama to start the final weekend.

In the first race he finished second, while Callan finished first with Carlson in third.

The points lead was reduced by Callan to only five points.

Heading into the next race he was confident in his sled and his preparation.

"I just tried to not think about the points and go. Just ride and focus one race at a

time," he said.

His mindset paid off.

On Sunday, Reid finished first while Callan finished fifth. Carlson crashed on course and finished poorly, enabling Callan to finish ahead of him in second for the season.

The local racer on his Polaris ended up sweeping the sport 600 class finals (with the one second place as the exception), leaving little to chance for his competitors to make up the difference.

Once he clinched the sport 600 title his confidence was sky high.

He went on to race in the larger sport 2 field where he also dominated winning all the races on Sunday. He finished the day with five first place finishes and one second place. It was the proverbial cherry on top of a very satisfying sundae of racing.

Reid said his strong start to the season paid off and enabled him the opportunity to win this championship. He adds when other competitors were adjusting, he was already comfortable at the start of the season.

Next season he will be moving up to the Pro Lite class.

Having raced in a few races this season already has shown him what he'll need to do this off-season to get ready.

Reid is looking forward to the challenge of the higher calibre of racing which has an entire field of strong competition, versus a select few.

The teenager acknowledged the support and help from his parents, who have always been there for him, including family friends and team support by Jeff and wife, Carleen Milburn.

"My dad always has the sled setup perfect



Minden's Izac Reid clinched his national CSRA title in the sport 600 class with a dominant last weekend, winning five races and placing second in one. Going into the last weekend, he was only leading by eight points. Photo courtesy of Shelby Mahon of Back Country Photography and Design.

for me," he said.

Reid is also thankful to his sponsors this season who are Byers Equipment Motorsports, TEAMLTD, CARQUEST of Minden, County Sign and Display, Jug City, the Highlander, Back Country Photography and Design – By Shelby Mahon, Fly Racing, Tekrider TekVest, Haliburton

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"We're always looking for support. Everything helps," he said.

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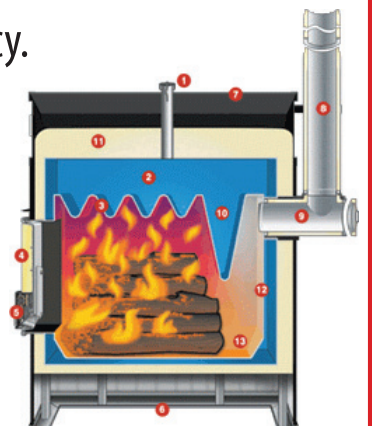
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Retiring MNR biologist remembers the relationships

by **DARREN LUM**
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David Flowers said he wasn't on the job at the Ministry of Natural Resources here for two weeks before he appeared in the *Minden Times* newspaper. So it's fitting that after 19 years with the MNR in Haliburton that his retirement is documented by the same paper that introduced him to the community.

He started his service for the ministry as Joe Clark was starting his short-lived term as Prime Minister. Flowers has done it all from research, management and lectures to work with peers and community members and organizations. The past four years he served the area as the biologist, but also was responsible for wildlife management for this area.

Born in Pembroke with a surname like Flowers, it's not a surprise he always wanted to be a biologist.

Although he grew up moving around a lot because his father worked for the Air Force, which meant home was wherever his dad was, whether it was British Columbia or Kingston, he has no intentions of uprooting from the place he has called home since he began his work as a fisheries extension biologist.

At 57, he was eligible for retirement with his impending "factor 90" category – age plus his service. Flowers worked

for the MNR for 37 years and officially retired on March 25.

To see him, it's difficult to see the years that have elapsed. He's not much heavier and outside of a few more grey hairs, his beard is virtually the same as it was when he was first introduced inside the *Times*. In fact, he has the same work hat he wore that day former reporter Jerry Grozelle took his photo.

When Flowers came to Haliburton County to be the fisheries extension biologist his children were just in primary school. They were as much a part of his work as he was at times, whether that was helping stock lakes or volunteering at the fish hatchery.

His job also involved stocking lakes with fish and working with fish hatcheries in the county and in Bancroft, including overseeing regulations and working with cottage associations and fish and game clubs. Even in the weeks leading up to his impending retirement, he was fielding calls locally and from Bancroft for his expertise.

He said what he values and remembers the most about his work here as an extension biologist is the people and the relationships he has forged over the years.

"It's all about community. It's all about working for the ministry with community groups and organizations and it is all around the communication around what we are doing and how we manage those resources so when it came to making

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It's all about community.

— RETIRING MNR BIOLOGIST DAVID FLOWERS

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a regulation change around walleye or lake trout it was going in the community and discussing those changes and getting support for those changes," he said.

There is a long list of work he remembers such as the Drag River Rehabilitation Project, which led to an ideal habitat for walleye in Haliburton County. That habitat is the No. 1 spawning site for walleye in the county and is important to the Kashagawimog system, he said.

He said the Haliburton Lake Trout Project is "one of my milestones of working here in the community." This project was a community-based effort that included the HHOA, MNR and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. It resulted in preserving and bolstering the population of the Haliburton Gold lake trout species indigenous to the area.

Even before he graduated from Guelph University with a degree in Fish and Wildlife Biology, Flowers knew he wanted to work for the MNR.

"It was always a passion to want to work for the MNR and in that fish and wildlife area," he said.

It took close to four years of contract work before he caught on full-time.

He laughs about sleeping for six weeks when asked about his first course of action when he retires.

Flowers plans on catching up on inclinations of travel, but, more importantly, catching up on long overdue renovations to his West Guilford house. Situated on four acres with a stand of trees and a pond, it includes a network of trails. Flowers and his wife of 33 years, Peggy, are now both retired and have no plans to leave the area.

They have four grown children; three sons, Andrew, Matt, Mike and one daughter, Katherine and three grandchildren, including one that was just born in January. The retired couple have every intention to dote on all three with their greater time.

Inside his garage, he points to his orange Kubota tractor.

Flowers said there was a deal when he bought it that his wife was supposed to have gotten hardwood floors if he got that tractor. She still doesn't have that flooring and he will be making good on the promise soon.

Early on, Flowers was a walleye culture specialist in Eastern Ontario where he was based in White Lake, 60 kilometres west of Ottawa. He worked on Walleye culture and stocking.

The work enabled him to talk about the research all over Canada and the U.S.

He is a proponent of the role that the MNR has served in bridging the gap between providing the science to the people in the community and the desire and the effort to help with preserving and fostering a stronger environment.

Despite the cutbacks to the ministry over the years, a lot of good things were achieved and continue to be achieved because of the bonds established and fostered between the MNR and various stakeholders, he said.

Flowers said its the partnerships between the ministry and the community that has made things happen.

"We can't do it ourselves unilaterally, especially a lot of the local expertise, whether it be hunt camps or people's understanding of the fisheries' resources because they have been here all their lives they have a good understanding of what's happening out there in the wild with these resources. That's where MNR ... has shone basically as far as moving forward, whether it's a regulation change or you have to get the word out on a regulation that requires input from folks," he said. "Even with cutbacks the core fundamental importance of MNR is dealing with those relationships in local communities and that's where district offices have basically always

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Flowers plans to stay in the area

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centred their programs. It's serving the public and local community," he said.

There is undeniable love that is shared. It is projected in the words and, most importantly, in his legacy.

"You develop a relationship," he said. "You become grounded within the community, working with those folks and the passion those folks have for [the work] makes me a better biologist. It makes me better to understand what's going on. I think the legacy that I can bring to a conversation is the fellowship basically that you develop over the years and mutual respect from the community that the job you're doing basically as a civil servant is also helping them and the resources here," he said.

Although he isn't ready to commit to any particular projects or causes, he isn't going anywhere and his passion is as vibrant as it was when he first started working for the MNR in 1979.

"My passion is still the outdoors and always will be," he said.

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Local Ministry of Natural Resources biologist David Flowers, who kneels with his son's dog Brandy, retired March 25 after close to four decades of service, including 19 in the Highlands and Bancroft. Flowers is most proud of the relationships he forged in his work, particularly the Haliburton Lake Trout Project with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters./DARREN LUM Staff

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Landscape planner Martina Braunstein of Dillon Consulting Limited points to the proposed plan for the Dorset downtown, as presented at the public meeting for the Dorset Waterfront Development Plan and Downtown Study at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday afternoon, March 22. /DARREN LUM Staff

Plans to redevelop Dorset receive criticism

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Plans to revamp Dorset's downtown and Highway 35 parkette are causing concern and frustration for some residents.

Some 30 people gathered at the Dorset Recreation Centre on March 22 for a public meeting on the Dorset Waterfront Development Plan and Downtown Study.

The study is being led by the Township of Lake of Bays in partnership with the Lake of Bays Marine Museum & Navigation (which operates the S.S. Bigwin), the Dorset Community Partnership and FedNor.

Peter Thoma of urbanMetrics led off the afternoon session while Martina Braunstein of Dillon Consulting Limited presented three design approaches, ones the consultants called modest, transitional and transformative.

The main difference between the modest plan and the transitional is that the transitional option includes a boat slip for the Bigwin and a boardwalk surrounding it. The transformative plan is the most radical departure from how things look currently, proposing an extensive boardwalk that would run un-

der both sides of the Main Street bridge. The transformative plan also includes more boat and vehicle parking and an open-air shelter that could be an artist marketplace.

Among the most vocal critics was 66-year-old John Clayton, who is the grandson of the past owner of the Clayton building.

Clayton wants the plans to pay greater attention to the history of the area, namely repurpose the family building. He is adamantly opposed to any dramatic changes, particularly if the design resembles other areas in Muskoka.

"Something like this changes the whole downtown look, to like, Bala. We don't want to look like Bala," he said.

Clayton wants to repurpose the Clayton building and property into a place that recognizes the cultural and historical significance related to the marine industry and postal delivery service, but also educate visitors and sell souvenirs.

The consultant team includes urbanMetrics Inc. and Dillon Consulting Limited, who have been communicating with the members of the community. That communication has included outreach efforts at public events such as the Dorset Snowball and surveys. The input period for the surveys was Feb.

4 through March 4 and results are available now.

One woman said many questions in the survey were focused more on visitors in boats and vehicles rather than local residents who walk to town.

Rob Walliser, owner of Old Mill Marina, told consultants he didn't appreciate changes to his property included in the plan.

Walliser said he was blindsided by the proposed changes.

"This seems like the cart before the horse. In a big way," he said, angrily to the consultants.

Walliser was frustrated and didn't appreciate seeing changes to his property, particularly when the audience was going to vote about it. Other than a brief discussion a month earlier, he said, the consultants did not alert him of any plan specifics to alter his property.

Braunstein acknowledged the communication oversight with Walliser. She said time was an issue and that communication would be improved going forward.

The consultants said they were taking all of these concerns into account for further changes.

Collin Reaney of the S.S. Bigwin stressed twice that nothing has been finalized and that

the meeting's results were not binding.

These public meetings, he said, are an opportunity for the public to provide their input.

"The main thing is we're all having is a conversation," Reaney said. "I'm representing the Bigwin. The Bigwin does not want to do anything that is counter to the history or the draw of the original nature of the town so prior to that the Bigwin just wanted to have a conversation with the community about what the future might be."

Generally, the consultants recommend improving the three gateways to town with improved signage that shows the Dorset's character and draws visitors. Other ideas included an electric vehicle charging station, possibly at the parkette; bike sharing station and public WiFi, including streetscape improvements such as landscaping, the addition of benches, sidewalks and defined crossing areas.

The most popular option with meeting attendees was the transitional option.

Lake of Bays planner Stefan Szczerbak suggested the public submit any concerns in writing to the township.

Renderings from the plan can be seen at <http://www.lakeofbays.on.ca/content/waterfront-study>.

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Subdivision's impact on lake 'negligible,' consultant says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The impact of a subdivision planned for the east and south shores of Bark Lake in Highlands East on the waterbody itself would be negligible, a consultant for the project told Haliburton County councillors last week.

John Ariens of IBI group made a presentation to county council March 23 as part of a public meeting on the proposed development.

The owner of the 400-acre property, Hamilton-based private school Columbia International College, is seeking to construct a subdivision that would include 83 single-family lots, as well as a number of commonly owned elements.

The applicant is seeking approval of the draft plan from council.

As Ariens explained, the plan before council is different that one first proposed a decade ago in 2006.

That proposal was for 110 single-family lots.

However, nesting areas of turtles and other

animals mean that areas included in the original proposal cannot be developed.

"However, the plan does remain viable," Ariens said, explaining the new proposal is for 83 lots.

A number of species at risk on the property, including the Blanding's turtle and eastern hognose snake, meant the applicant had to seek a number of provincial approvals.

The plan now includes infrastructure such as snake fencing and turtle crossing to protect wildlife.

"That has all been included in an environmental assessment application," Ariens said, adding that application has been submitted to the province for approval.

A number of studies including an environmental impact study, functional servicing report, planning justification report, environmental baseline conditions, constraints and opportunities study, a sight distance report and an archeological assessment have been completed and, "all these studies have given us the green light to continue," Ariens told council.

A number of common buildings, including

a community centre and sewage treatment plant, exist from a leadership centre facility at the location that was for years owned by the province.

The development would incorporate those common elements, which would be maintained through a condominium corporation that property owners would pay into.

Waterfront lots would not have individual docks. Rather, the development will have a central docking area and, according to Ariens, a set number of powerboats for the development.

"Residents will not be able to have powerboats themselves," he said.

Irondale resident and former Snowdon reeve George Simmons told council he supported the development, to a degree, but said any impact study should take into the north-west shore of the lake. Currently owned by the Crown, Simmons said it's possible the land could be included the recent Algonquin Land Claim decision, where 117,500 acres of Crown land will be transferred to Algonquin ownership. Specific details have not yet been released.

"That land is still in dispute," Simmons said. "Haliburton County Crown land may go to the Algonquins."

The second was access to the subdivision via what Simmons called a private road.

"Nobody was aware the MNR has given access to that road," he said.

Ariens responded to Simmons' concerns, stressing the individual lots would not have septic systems and the sewage treatment plant, which must be upgraded, exits into Bark Creek and not directly into the lake.

"The impact on the lake is negligible," he said.

As for the road, Ariens said it is a right of way over Crown land and not owned by the college.

The county's planner received written submission from a number of organizations, including Canada Post, which announced it would not be installing a community box in the development. That means residents of the proposed subdivision would have to register with the post office to get a mailbox.

Council will make a decision on the draft plan at a later date.

Large demand for local food, council hears

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Demand for locally produced food far outweighs its production.

That finding is part of a recently completed community food assessment, results of which were presented to Haliburton County councillors by Highlands East homesteader Andrew von Zuben during a March 23 meeting.

"I want to take this opportunity to get people to see food as a renewable resource," von Zuben told the room, adding that agriculture is one of the quickest-growing sectors in the community. "A good, healthy food system is good for our environment."

The assessment included research about the county's agricultural past and present, as well as interviews with farmers, restaurateurs and grocery store owners.

"Demand for local food far exceeds current production levels," von Zuben said. "We need to have that cultural food to match

up with the new tourists we want in our community."

Culinary attractions, along with outdoors adventure and arts and culture, is one of the three pillars of Haliburton County's tourism strategy.

A researcher and database consultant were hired, surveying more than 50 food businesses or programs and mapping all food access in the community.

"People are looking for retreats and agricultural properties," von Zuben said.

A consultant also reviewed the official plans of Haliburton County and its lower-tier municipalities and von Zuben said local food producers want to have a working relationship with local municipalities and in particular have influence on planning decisions, since they directly impact food production.

A number of local food advocacy groups are uniting under the banner of Harvest Haliburton.

Von Zuben is taking his presentation to each of the county's lower-tier councils as well.

A number of community partners collaborated on the assessment project, including but not limited to the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, Abbey Gardens, the Haliburton County Farmers Association, the Haliburton Grain CSA and Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition.

At a recent forum hosted by the farmers association, a specialist from the Ontario

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs said there is a particularly strong demand for sheep and goats in Canada, with grocery store owners saying they could sell much more goat and lamb if it was available and only 42 per cent of the meat in the sheep and goat market supplied by Canadian farmers.



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Summer festival to present *Oliver!*

Jordy Schell and Carson Winmill will be leading the cast of this year's Highlands Summer Festival's musical production of *Oliver!*

Carson Winmill has been cast in the title role of *Oliver*. Carson is the son of Dianne and Cameron Winmill of Bancroft. He is a Grade 5 student at Our Lady of Mercy School and enjoys baseball, dodge-ball, gymnastics, loves fishing, math, and performing in class plays. Carson has studied piano and voice for four years and is a regular performer at the North Hastings Music Festival. Last summer, he played the role of Carter in the feature film "Dark Sunrise," which is due for release this fall.

Jordy a Grade 7 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School is the son of Lisa and Doug Schell of Minden. He has been cast as the Artful Dodger. Jordy has studied dance at the Haliburton Dance Academy and last season was one of a number of young people featured in the opening ceremonies, created by Cirque de Soliel, for the Pan Am Games.

The award winning musical production has a cast of over 30, including, in addition to Carson and Jordy: Tim Nicholson, Jacob Dobson, Aiden Hill, Brett Boyce, Campbell Boyce, Jack Boyce, Corin Gervais, Charlotte Moynes, Sydney Winmill, Emily Young, Britney Bain, Jenny Moffitt, Amy Leis, Beth Robertson, Tom Regina, Curtis Eastmure, Dianne Winmill, Victoria Bingham, Michael Clipperton, Finn Tentrees, Ruth Carter, Seamus Lynch, Saskia Tentrees, Marilyn Hawley, Angus Sullivan, Christine Jonas-Simpson, Peter Smith, Stephen Thayer and Jack Brezina.

Oliver is one of the most celebrated musi-

cals ever presented on Broadway, nominated in almost all categories and winning for best musical score among other Tony Awards. Based on a story by Charles Dickens, the musical is filled with classic songs that have become standards. The show will feature such memorable tunes as, *Where Is Love?*, *Consider Yourself*, *I'd Do Anything* and *Food Glorious Food* among many others.

Based on the Dickens novel, the compelling story will engage the audience with its pathos and drama, and delight with its outstanding musical numbers.

Highlands Summer Festival presents *Oliver!* this summer with ten performances starting July 4 and continuing until July 14 with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on July 10. For tickets, contact the Highlands Summer Festival box Office at 705-457-9933 or toll free 855-457-9933. Tickets can also be ordered on line at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

Submitted

Jordy Schell, left, of Minden has been cast in the role of the Artful Dodger, while Carson Winmill, of Bancroft, will play the title character in the Highlands Summer Festival's production of *Oliver!*, the musical. Penny farthing courtesy of Castle Antiques of Haliburton. Photo by Lorne Campbell





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Minden Youth Curling League wraps up season

Minden Youth Curling League enjoyed another fun filled season with the youth curlers improving their game each week. Thanks to the talented coaches Dave McKay, Scott Boyd, Jane Boyd and Peter Alexander. We had youth mentoring by Ben Prentice, Liam Little and Dylan Garbutt. All the youth enjoyed the yummy snacks that the Minden Curling Club members and Youth League parents provided each week. Submitted by Lynda Litwin



Gold Medal winners are Dinah Ogley, Jon Bittner, Ben Pilcher (Emily Alexander missing) with coaches Jane Boyd, Dave McKay and Scotty Boyd.



Silver Medal winners are Jane Boyd (coach), Crystal Petry, Cole Hamilton, Drake Johannessen, Tess Husbands, with Dave McKay and Scotty Boyd coaches



Bronze Medal winners are Jane Boyd (coach), Kayla Switzer, Linc Aleksander, Dalton Fairey in front with James Alexander and coaches Dave McKay and Scotty Boyd behind.



Curlers sweep into town for ladies' bonspiel

On the weekend of March 18 and 19, the Minden Curling Club hosted the 36th annual Sweep into Spring Ladies Bonspiel. Sixteen teams from Port Perry, Huntsville, Ajax, King, Barrie, Haliburton, Perth and Minden took part in the two-day event with the top honours and the Ommmh Beauty Boutique Trophy going to the team skipped by Barb Millington from Minden with Joyce Nilsson at vice, Marian Gillanders at second and Barb Maybury as lead. Second place went to a team comprised of players from Barrie, Haliburton and Perth skipped by Jane Johnson with another Minden team in third place skipped by Pauline Plooard with Donna Peneycad at vice, Betty Goard at second and Kari Crawford as lead. Fourth place was claimed by the team from King Curling Club skipped by Katherine Gorsline, fifth place went to Val Christiansen's team from Minden with the team of Susan Duivesteyn from Port Perry claiming the sixth place award.

The theme for this year's event was Mardi Gras in Minden. A wide variety of headgear was displayed by the participants with the team of Pauline Plooard taking the prize presented by sponsor Sean from Ommmh Beauty Boutique.

The weekend event was kicked off with a Karaoke party on Friday night sponsored by Robert Vaughan Services and concluded with a banquet on Saturday followed by the awards ceremony and raffle. Thanks to all the club volunteers for their efforts and to the many contributors to the raffle table. Thanks also to our main sponsor Ommmh Beauty Boutique and to Robert Vaughan Services for their continued support.

Thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their generous contributions to the Raffle Prizes. Dear Carolyn, Denise LeBlanc, Canadian Tire, Spa in the Highlands, Molly's Bistro, Minden Florist, Joyce Nilsson, John Lennard, Norton Gary, Wendy Wood, Lynda Litwin, Ethel Muli/Travel Plus, Jessica and Mary Copeland, Organic Times, Pharmasave, Head Inn, Emerson Lumber, Patti Prentice, Bruce Fisher, Barb and Dave Millington, Highlands Accounting, Carey's Garden Centre, Minden House Bed and Breakfast, Cranberry Cottage, Prettypaws Spa, Wallflower Studio, Minden Mercantile, Stedmans V and S, Dentistry in the Highlands, Sears, Up River Trading, Robin's Nest, Heather Lodge, Yummy Mummy Emporium, Country Magic, Just Wine and Beer Haliburton, Eden Sales and Marketing.

Submitted by Steve Robson.

Easter season is about new life



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard that...

The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, 'Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?' To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE also heard Rev. Joan say that...

Even though there are traces of snow, the days are getting longer, and the sun shines a little brighter each day. All around us we see the signs of new life, the beginning of spring, a season of promise and life. In the church year the Lenten season allows us a time of reflection and learning. Lent encourages us to examine how we live our lives, our relationships, and how we use our time and resources. How we can prepare for the news proclaimed by Mary Magdalene, that first Easter

morning that Jesus is risen, that Jesus crucifixion was not the end. Jesus overcame the world, and death, so we would know how much God loves us.

In the early church, Lent was the time seekers were instructed in the faith in preparation for their baptism, and the hope and promise of life in Christ, a life filled with the joy, peace, and love only Christ can offer. As we celebrate Easter, let us reflect and ask if our lives reflect the joy, peace, and love of Christ, and if we live up to the new life of love, peace, and hope Jesus revealed Good Friday and Easter.

Christ's resurrection shows us the unstoppable force of God's presence, stronger than any circumstances we will encounter. Christ is risen and is building His Church, just look around and see all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will be. Let us never underestimate the power of God. Easter is about new life and new beginnings. It is a time to move forward, knowing that God loves us, and that we are surrounded by God's grace. Just as the earth awakens from winter, and new life blooms again, Easter brings new life to us, a life filled with God's goodness and mercy. However if you choose to celebrate Easter, may God be with you, as we give thanks together for our abundant blessings. It is my sincere hope that all will find time for worship, and together share in the resurrection of our Lord, as a community and church. May all experience a blessed Easter season.

Yours in Christ
The Reverend Joan Cavanaugh
Parish of Minden, Kinmount, and Maple Lake

Some upcoming church community events include:

April 6th there will be Messy Church at St. Paul's Anglican church at 5:30pm-7pm

Closer to the end of April St. Paul's ACW will be selling Turkey Pies. Check with the church office if you are interested in purchasing. (705) 286-2541

PSW program will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Tentative start date is May 3rd. Please call Rebecca McGuey if you would like information. 1-613-332-1743 ext. 235

April 12th at 7:30pm- Enviro-Café- Environment Haliburton Environmental Issues, Community Discussion Group held at Minden United Church.

April 14th at 12:00pm- "Diner's Club Seniors Dinner" at Minden United Church. Please call the church to reserve. (705) 286-1711

April 24th at 11:00am- "Earth Day" Joint Worship Service held at Minden United Church with Rev. Marybeth Wilson, the "Joyful Noisemakers", followed by lunch.

The contents of this monthly column in the Minden Times are supplied by:

* Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St. – 705-286-2541 (Sunday Services/Sunday School 10:30am with Holy Eucharist)

* Father Placid Obiji - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-4117 (Mass Sunday 10:30am)

* Rev. Max Ward – Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. – 705-286-1470 (Sunday Services 11am)

* Pastor David Johnson – Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-1338 (Sunday Worship 10:30am)

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Please note that some events were not held due to weather conditions and holiday schedules.

March 21 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Davies 4,830, Mary Johnson 4,290, our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh 4,210 and Pearl Foster 3,680 with Margo Davidson [welcome back] awarded the Lucky Loonie. A special greeting goes out to Ross Fletcher from his many bridge friends who look forward to seeing him back soon.

March 22 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Joanna Penfold led the scoring at 4,210 then Catherine Kellett 3,840 and Gerald Bergin 3,610.

March 22 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place at 274 was the duo of Connie Sawyer and Ray Lymer then Blanche Carr and Andy Poulton 239. Bev Kerr and John Fortune were third at 238 while Mary Trumbull partnered with Anne Manning posted the afternoon's low of 119. Thanks to our reporter pearl Cowen for this news.

March 22 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 324, Vi Howell 297 and Shirley Milne 268. At 329 Tom Grix was first for the gents followed by Archie Ross 286 and Jesse Barlow 261. Sharron Atkinson won the major draw with Garth Windsor, Tom Grix and Bill McKnight claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Tom Grix and Bruce Metcalf took the afternoon's moonshots.

March 22 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand

honours went to Tom Grix with Rae Dawn Shephard high lady and our reporter Nancy McPherson low. For the gents Harold Harvie posted the highest score while Bruce Shephard was low man and Reta Crofts won the special prize.

March 23 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Margo Davidson partnered with Peter O'Connor 68 percent then Irena and Alek Zworski 57 percent.

March 24 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were our interim reporter Muriel McIntosh 267. Pearl Cowen 256, Pat Roussel 169 and Diane Wigley 154. First for the gents at 238 was Marcel Roussel followed by Jesse Barlow 210, Kevin Maloney 192 and Doug McIntosh 187. Jesse Barlow held the hidden score, Pat Roussel won the card draw and Al McMullen call 1 while Theresa Deak claimed the single moonshot.

March 28 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hands honours went to Kay Godden and Lyn Preston with our interim reporter Pearl Cowen and Yvonne Arbuthnot posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to John Platt who also spent a visit with the skunk while Yvonne Arbuthnot won the special prize.

March 28 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Bev Johnson won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands, Cathy Howe for low hands and Judy Reddy for the special prize.

Beware scams

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police anti-rackets branch say service scams can use technical sounding ploys to extort money and personal information from unwitting victims.

Service scams typically involve individuals who make offers to provide telecommunications, Internet, finance, medical and energy services. This category of scams may also include offers such as extended warranties, insurance, and door-to-door sales. Although 95 per cent of the crimes go unreported, service scams generated 422 Ontario complaints to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre in 2015, yielding 199 victims who sustained losses totalling almost \$150,000.

Investigators find two scenarios are most commonly used. In one version, someone calls pretending to represent a well-known computer-based company like Microsoft, and claims that the victim's computer is sending out viruses or has been hacked and must be cleaned. The scammer will gain remote access to the computer and may run some programs or change some settings. The scammer will then advise that a fee is required for the service of virus cleaning and request a credit card number to cover the payment. In some cases, the scammer will send a transfer from the victim's computer through a money service business.. The end result is that the victim pays for a service that was never needed as the computer was never infected.

In another oft-used scenario, scammers will call and make

see SCAMS page 17



50's & 60's Sock Hop

Saturday May 7th

Doors Open at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

**Hosted by Canoe FM with DJ Ron Murphy
Location: Haliburton Legion Branch 129**

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Wine, Words and Music April 15

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The start date of Dorset Indoor Soccer for boys and girls ages 5 to 14 was delayed one week due to the inclement weather on March 24. Indoor soccer will run for 6 weeks from Thursday March 31 to May 5 and there is still time and room to sign up. Ages 5 to 9 are 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 10 to 14 are 7 to 8 p.m. Call or email the recreation centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 to register or find out more. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome!

All Dorset Snowball volunteers and sponsors are invited to the annual Dorset Snowball Wrap Up party on Thursday, April

6 at 6:30 p.m. Now that the 26th winter carnival is behind us it is time to hit the ground running and start planning for 2017 which falls on the Family Day Weekend. We all made observations on February 20th, and there is a need to put our ideas together while they are still fresh in our minds. Please join us for our annual wrap up celebration and we will candidly and freely discuss our past years with an eye towards the future. With ever increasing pressure from other events which impact Snowball more each year we need to keep one step ahead of the competition. The wrap up will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the menu will be the traditional "Snowball Special Baked Mac & Cheese" (gluten free available). Thank you for all your support and hard work. Be sure to bring your appetite and your best ideas and suggestions. We need your input!! Please call the rec centre at 705-766-9968 if you plan to

attend.

The next Dorset Ladies Night Chick Flick is on Tuesday, April 12 starting at 7 p.m. Join the fun for a ladies only movie showing "Dear John", a romantic drama that follows the life of a soldier (Channing Tatum) after he falls in love with a young woman (Amanda Seyfried). They decide to exchange letters to each other after he is deployed to the war. Movie theatre popcorn and treats will be available. The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Please RSVP to the rec centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 if you plan to attend.

The lineup for the 12th Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art celebrating the arts in Dorset on Friday, April 15 is coming together very nicely. If you are an emerging artist (any medium) or writer (all genres) and would like to participate, contact the rec

centre for more information. The evening is lovely, very popular and a great way to showcase your work and network with like-minded arts and culture aficionados. The art, book & CD walkabout starts at 6:30 p.m., readings and music start at 7 p.m. with an intermission and light refreshments following. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available from the Recreation Centre. This event is limited to those 19 years of age and over. If you would like to participate, please email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Birthday wishes for March 27 to April 2 go out to Matthew Hughes, Zach Lock, Rick Nash, Debbie Guidi, Ray Blake and Cole Greenaway. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Scams prey on non-tech savvy

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offer to reduce the interest rates on a victim's credit cards or line of credit. Personal information is requested such as a Social Insurance Number (SIN), mother's maiden name, date of birth, and the credit card number with the expiry date of the cards they want reduced.

TIPS

If you were using your computer when you got scammed, it is possible that a virus or other malicious software is still on your computer. Run a full system check using reliable security software. If you do not have security software (such as virus scanners and a firewall) installed on your computer, a computer professional can

help you choose what you need. Scammers may have also gained access to your online passwords. Change these using a secure computer.

If you paid someone by credit card or through an electronic funds transfer (EFT), contact your financial institution or credit card company immediately. They may be able to reverse or stop the transaction.

If you or someone you know suspect they've been a victim of a service scam, contact your local police service. You can also file a complaint through the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website or by telephone at 1-888-495-8501. .

Submitted by the OPP

Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Application No.: AH-ZBA-003/16

Roll No.: 4621-001-000-18500

Address: Civic address not available (Vacant lot, Oliver Road)

Applicant: Lorne and Robin Heise

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of Algonquin Highlands has received a zoning by-law amendment application regarding the above-noted property and in accordance with Section 34(10.1) and 34(10.2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 has deemed the application to be complete.

ADDITIONALLY, TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting in relation to the application on:

**THURSDAY, April 21st, 2016
at 9:00 am**

**Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, Ontario**

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting is to provide information and receive public input on the Zoning By-law Amendment Application and is held pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act.

An application has been received to rezone property in Part of Lot 3, Concession 2 (geographic Township of Stanhope).

The purpose of the proposed By-law is to amend the zoning on the subject property from the "Rural (RU) Zone to Shoreline Residential One (SR1) Zone".

The effect of the By-law will be to satisfy a condition of consent to allow for three (3) lot additions to three (3) owners along Kushog Lake.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, in support of or in opposition to the proposed By-law.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed By-law, you must make a written request to the Township's Planner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available from the Township Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

DATED at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 31st day of March, 2016.

Sean O'Callaghan, Planner
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Community Members at Large:

- Attend and are voting members on one of the Board's Standing Committees;
- Augment the skill set available to support the work of the Board's Standing Committees;
- Are eligible to attend the public sessions of the Board of Directors' meetings.
- Are eligible for possible future election to the Board of Directors

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How to Apply:

Submit expressions of interest along with a resume by **April 15, 2016** to the Chair of the Nominating Sub-committee, c/o Margaret Clark, Senior Executive Assistant, Administration, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, One Hospital Drive, Peterborough, ON K9J 7C6, or email mclark@prhc.on.ca.

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UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.
Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre Fund Raisers

When: Thursday March 31, 2016

We have scheduled a bus to Casino Rama; this is a Fund Raiser for our Seniors Centre.

The cost is \$5.00 for the bus and Buffet lunch. Departing at 8:30 am from 100 Head Street Bobcaygeon and returning at 4:15. Come join us for fun on the bus. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Lorraine 705-738-4978

MINI BUCK EUCHRE

When: April 1, 7:00 pm

Where: Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center, 100 Head Street

Everyone welcome for information call

Roger: 705-738-6627

MINDEN: Healthy Beginnings - Prenatal Class,

Begins Monday, April 4, 6-8 pm, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden. Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Continues on April 11, 18, 25 and May 2. To register, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center, Big Buck Bridge

When: Monday April 4th, 2016, 11:00 to 4:00

Where: Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center, 100 Head Street

Cost: \$10.00 (Lunch included)

Everyone welcome for

Information call Ken: 705-738-6511

The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists (HHFN) is hosting a special presentation on "Wildlife Crime"

When: Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm

Where: Haliburton Museum

Detective Victor Miller, Conservation Officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Intelligence and Investigations Enforcement Branch will discuss wildlife crime in Ontario with specific references to turtle poaching and reptile smuggling.

Free to HHFN members - \$5 for guests. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the 2016 Junior Naturalists summer program. For more information see www.hhfn.ca

MINDEN: Preparation for Breastfeeding Class

When: Monday, April 11, 6-8 pm

Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden.

This free class provides information, tips and support on breastfeeding for parents. To register, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 am to Noon.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 16, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Where: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd, Carnarvon, at 8:00 pm where carpools

will be arranged and directions provided.

Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult

Leader: Pauline Plooard

Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. You will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which she monitors for Bird Studies Canada

For more information or to register contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, 705-457-3700, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Bursary deadline May 31

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse the remnants of Saturday's Easter dinner are finally being put to rest as the second load is emptied out of the dishwasher. What a great appliance second only to the Keurig coffee maker. Dinner conversation was certainly more lively than usual with son David reciting his scripted lines at full volume complete with dramatic gesturing. He was very good. Later this week he will play a significant role as Nick Bottom in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Bottom, by trade a weaver, is in truth a very bad actor who fancies himself superior to the rest of his troupe known as the Mechanicals. This particular production will be for two already sold out nights at the Arts & Letters Club in Toronto. A fundraiser in support of the "Shakespeare in the Schools" project these annual productions draw their cast members from others like David who have always thought they would like to be involved albeit in a limited fashion in the theatre. After his stellar dinner performance David also announced his retirement from the stage after this production and is now able to cross this experience off his bucket wish list.

Thank you to all the children who attended the recent craft morning sponsored by the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild during March Break at the Community Centre. In all there were 28 children plus 6 great teenage assistants along with some parents who stayed to help the 7 leaders as well. Once again Donna and Chloe's ice-it-yourself fresh baked cookies were a great hit. The Guild will be holding once weekly craft mornings for children during July and August again this year

with more details available closer to that time. .

Just a follow-up reminder that students living within a 15 km. radius of Kinmount and accepted to a recognized post secondary institution [university, college or trade school] may choose to apply for funding assistance from the Kinmount Educational Bursary Fund and that the application deadline is May 31. To receive support from this Bursary fund students must have already applied for and received Provincial Government financial aid through OSAP. Applications for the Kinmount bursaries are available at the Kinmount Pharmacy located on the lower level of the Kinmount District Health Centre.

For our younger crowd Kindergarten Registration is now open with students four years old by Dec. 31, 2016 eligible to begin attending Junior Kindergarten this September. Senior Kindergarten registration is also open for those children who did not attend Junior Kindergarten. While it is never too late to register early registration is important as it affects classroom size and staffing. Certain documentation will be required at the time of registration so do check this out ahead of time with the school office.

Looking ahead the next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Wednesday, April 20. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m. At this meeting speaker Ann Louise Smith will discuss the letters she used to write the book "Canadian Missionary POW on the Death Railway - the WW11 story of Walter C. Anderson, M.D. ". Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

The "Annual Dinner Auction" sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development will be held on Saturday, April 30 in the fully accessible Galway Hall. This very popular event raises important funds for community improvements so call 705-488-2635 to reserve your tickets early. In addition to a full course delicious dinner there will be great items donated for the Live Auction, Silent Auction, Country Raffle and Loonie Auction.

While there is still no sign of early "diners" on the now open pony pond there are other birds including the welcome robins around the dooryard busily getting ready for nesting. Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...

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2016-17 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2016 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2016.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
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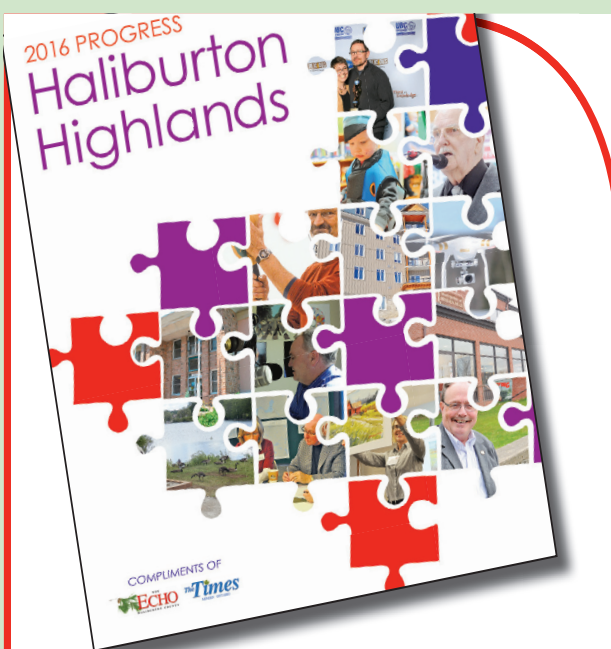
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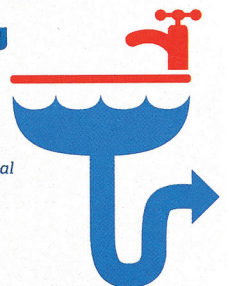
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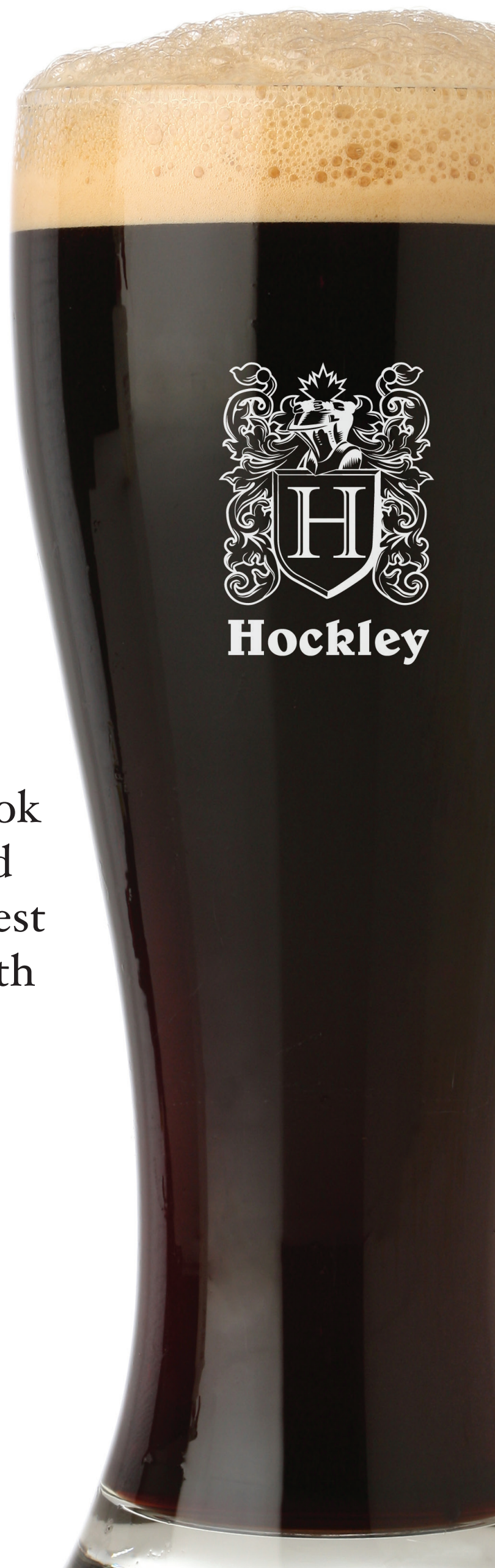
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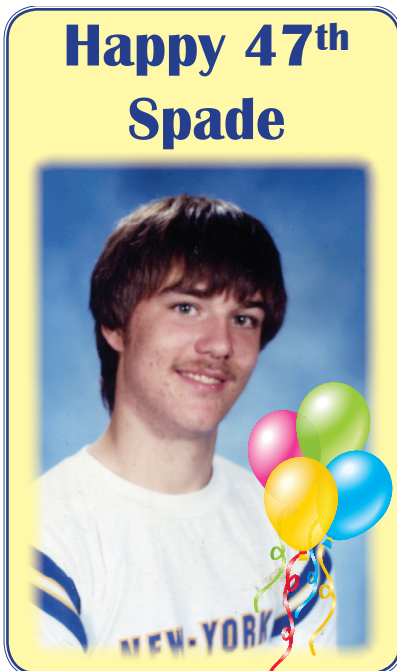
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Kory was an excellent cook and had been on Chopped Canada. He was a painter and tattoo artist extraordinaire. He was employed as head chef at Miner's Bay Lodge, Minden Ontario. Special thanks to the owners Dottie and Russ Wunker for all your help and caring for both Marnie and Kory.

A service to Celebrate Kory's Life will be held in Westminster United Church, 1680 Dougall Ave., Windsor (additional parking is available at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 166 Tecumseh Rd. E.) on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 2:00pm followed by a short service at 2:30pm. Cremation has taken place.

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- Private cottage 3.9 acres with 5 Lake chain boating
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- Traditional Cottage 3 bdrms & 1½ baths with a sauna/bunkie right on the water
- Large lot with 349 Feet of Water frontage and good privacy!

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Spar Lake \$289,900



- Western exposure
- Open concept
- 2 Bedrooms, 4 pc bath, bunkie
- Horsepower restricted lake

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Cameron Lake \$199,500



- West Exposure, Sand Beach, & Move In Ready!
- Charming, 2 bedrooms with recent upgrades in 2014/2015
- Including: New Septic, New Propane Freestanding Fireplace, New Shingles, Upgraded Electrical, New Driveway!

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- Year Round 4 Bdrm/3 Bath Home
- Cathedral Ceilings, Double Sided Fireplace, Hardwood Floors
- Full Finished Walk-out Basement, Dbl. Att'd Garage
- 154' Frontage on One of the Deepest Lakes in North America

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Starter or Retirement Home \$149,000



- Two bdrm, one bath home just north of Carnarvon
- Has had many upgrades over the past 8 years
- Plus Single Car Garage and full unfinished basement
- Nice back deck, Hot tub and great privacy!

Dagmar Boettcher 457-5968

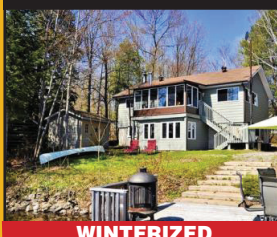
Kennis Lake Road, West Guilford-Commercial \$124,900



- 244.86 ft frontage and 184 ft deep approx
- Kennis Lk RD--West Guilford.Hwy Commercial
- Well, Hydro, Had septic approval(expired)
- Level easy to build on

Gloria Carnochan 754-1932

Halls Lake \$424,900



- 4 Season Cottage/Home
- Beautifully appointed
- 4 bdrms/2 bathrooms
- Point lot with sand beach
- 1600 square feet on two levels

Lee Gauthier 754-1482

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Grace Lake \$479,900



- 4--season, 3BR cottage with 255' shoreline
- Total privacy, deep water
- Big lake view
- Year round access, minutes to Wilberforce

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
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Eagle Lake Home \$229,900



- Recently built Guildcrest Home
- Close to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jacuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Stormy Lake \$479,000



- Year round living just 10 minutes from Haliburton
- Open concept with lots of room for large families
- Hot tub/sauna room, artist studio, central air, central vac, propane furnace
- Large level lot leads to great sand frontage

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Kushog Lake View \$75,000



- Year round access between Minden and Dorset
- Easy access to snowmobile trails
- Gorgeous view across Kushog Lake
- Driveway in and partially cleared, ready to build!

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

2 bdrm + Loft bungalow with basement \$214,900



- 3 Season sunporch & main flr laundry
- Beautiful Lot and breezeway to garage
- Paved driveway & covered porch
- WALK TO ALL AMENITIES in Haliburton!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Kashagawigamog Lk Yr-Rnd Home/Cottage \$629,900



- Approx. 100 Ft. Waterfrontage, .5 Acres
- Approx. 2000 Sq. Ft., 4 Bdrm, 2.5 bath
- NW Exp., 5 Lake Chain, Large dbl garage w/loft
- Private w/6 walkouts & gorgeous lake views

Mark Dennys 457-0473

NEW LISTING

Private Haliburton Village Home \$269,000



- Gorgeous eat in kitchen w/island
- Mn flr laundry and oak flooring
- Covered veranda, 3 bdrms full basement
- Single car garage, view of the river and riverwalk

Scott Harrison 286-2138 x 28

Hunter Creek Road \$339,900



- Large country home close to town
- 3 bedrooms & 4 baths in-law suite potential
- Custom kitchen and built-ins throughout
- Double car garage and beautiful in ground pool

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

NEW LISTING

Beautiful 100 Acres Parcel \$120,000



- Private accessible lot on year round road
- Just 12 minutes to Haliburton
- Features two ponds & is teaming with wildlife
- Perfect location to build your dream home or retreat!

Brandon Nimigon 457-2128 x 27

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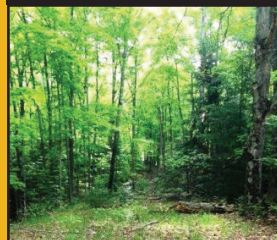
Kashagawigamog Lake \$389,900



- Stunning setting with 396' lake frontage;
- Clean shore, deep water, big lake view;
- Classic older cottage sits right on water;
- 5--lake chain; municipal sewers; location, location!

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Close to Ski Hill \$34,500



- Building lot in Eagle Lake Area
- 1.37 acres with frontage on 2 municipal roads
- Easy access with services at lot line
- Public beach, shopping & restaurants nearby

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



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